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# THE EVENING NEWS

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## QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF SPOTTER CONVICTED

ATTORNEY BRINGS UP QUESTION  
IN LAWTON COURT.

Court Advises County Attorney to Cease Similar Prosecution Until Decision Is Rendered.

Lawton, Ok., July 7.—Threatening an overthrow of the results of the many cases of charged violations of the State prohibition law in Comanche county a complicated legal contention, sprung today by Attorney Ellis, was argued at length before County Judge Wolenton by Mr. Ellis and, awaiting answer from County Attorney Palm next Tuesday, decision will be rendered.

It was held by Mr. Ellis, backed by numerous authorities, that the state can not prosecute for crime in cases where the crime has been committed upon solicitation of an officer of the law, thus striking a vital blow at the so-called spotter system of apprehending bootleggers. The court advised the county attorney not to bring further suits against persons on similar evidence pending decision on this point of law.

Ada Normal Architect.

Mr. E. H. Sudhoelter, architect, of Muskogee, who built the plans and will superintend the construction of the Ada State Normal spent the day in Ada. Mr. Sudhoelter is an architect of recognized ability and business integrity. He has directed the construction of each of Muskogee's big school buildings and is at the present time the architect in charge of the \$170,000 high school building being constructed in such city.



## LOOKS GOOD

Don't it? And it is just as good as it looks. All our Syrups are made from Pure Fruit Juices, without any preservatives in them—and are kept in our refrigerator, ice cold until served.

The Ice Cream That We Serve is made by the Purity Ice Cream Co., of Ada, Okla., a Home Product and it is the best, by test. Try it.

Ramsey's Drug Store PHONE NO. 6



The Jolly Good Natured, Laughing Bunch of Clerks at the Texas Department Store. "We are Working for the Largest Sales of any Store in the State of Oklahoma." See Our Ads on Pages Two and Three.

### On the Increase.

The increase of business at the Texas Department Store has necessitated the installation of an up-to-date electric adding machine which is one of the best on the market. They have also employed Mr. Shellie Wadkins, of Galveston, Tex., as cashier and accountant. Mr. Wadkins is an ex-bank teller of that city and an expert in that line of work.

The new store has just added one of the latest and most modern ice

boxes in the country, made to order, and will do an extensive cold storage business in meats, cheese, vegetables, etc.

### A Business Statement.

No over drafts allowed at Farmers State Bank from now on. We want your business, but to avoid hard feelings please arrange for money before over drawing.

FARMERS STATE BANK.

## 11 DEAD AND MANY OTHERS IN DANGER

### HALF DOZEN TOWNS AND CITIES IN MISSOURI AFFECTED BY FLOOD.

### PROPERTY LOSS IS HEAVY

#### Houses and Barns Washed Away. Live Stock Drowned—Crops Threatened.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 7.—Eleven persons are believed to be dead, while scores of others are in danger of drowning in the floods that are sweeping Northwestern Missouri and in which a half dozen towns and cities are endangered.

Houses and barns have been washed away, crops are threatened, thousands of head of live stock lost and the rapidly rising waters of the swollen creeks and rivers threaten other towns with damage before morning.

At Pattonsburg today the condition is critical. Perched on house-tops and on the roofs of stores, women and children are exposed to a chilling downpour, while the men, who have no boats are unable to rescue them.

Water stands eight feet deep in the streets and is rapidly rising. Provisions have given out and the rescue parties from other cities have been unable to get across the miles of water to the relief of the villagers.

At Chillicothe, which is threatened from the overflow of the Grand River, business has been suspended since morning and the whole city is endeavoring to save itself from danger and to rescue other sufferers. Trenton has been surrounded by the flood; Gallatin is threatened, and along the Grand River a number of smaller towns are flood-swept.

Farmers are heavy sufferers. Their homes have been washed away and a number have been forced to find shelter in trees.

At Kansas City the Kaw and Missouri are both rising. There is danger of a serious flood there. At Chil-

licothe the water is rising at a rate of eighteen inches an hour.

Kansas City and St. Joseph responded to the call of distress and men with boats were hastily loaded on special trains and hurried toward the town.

Four miles from the village limits they were halted by the floods and from there are now vainly trying to make their way against a mighty sweep of water.

Houses are floating down the flood, barns and sheds and trees have been carried away, and it is feared that through the farming region there has been a heavy loss of life.

The situation is worst at Pattonsburg, where the water now stands eight feet deep in the streets and is still rising.

Refugees have gone to the school building, which is one of the most substantial structures in the town. Two hundred and fifty people are said to be housed there. In the mill, an old stone structure, near the banks of the river, a number of others have sought refuge.

A fire broke out late last night and there was no means of fighting it. One home, that of Dr. T. C. Worley, was destroyed, and Worley and his family escaped on planks and are now in the top of a tree. They have been there since last night and have not yet been rescued.

Early today a wagon load of boats left Chillicothe to rescue eight persons who are in trees at the edge of the flood. The rescuing party has not yet returned.

Farmers who escaped from the flood have made their way to Chillicothe, where they tell of a desperate battle against the water. Many of them waded out in water neck high. A few managed to float on planks until they found places where they could wade. A number are in treetops and rescuers are seeking these, guided by the refugees themselves.

The swift current makes the work of rescue everywhere difficult. Even the water that has moved across the lowlands is moving swiftly and near the old banks of the creeks and rivers, the current is so swift that it is very dangerous to attempt to row a boat.

Late advices say that Trenton, a city of 5,000 in Grundy County, has been made an island by the over-

flow of the East Fork of the Grand River. East of Chillicothe Medicine Creek, far out of its banks, is causing heavy property loss and threatens to increase the danger of the flood.

The flood at Pattonsburg has put bakeries and groceries out of commission, and already people are beginning to suffer from hunger. Chillicothe, acting on a call for relief, sent out late tonight, prepared a thousand loaves of bread and sent them as far as possible on the Wabash railroad.

The train was stalled a few miles from Chillicothe and backed to the city again. Now the tracks are said to be impassable.

A relief train with bread and other provisions was sent from Gallatin at daylight. The train was stalled at the edge of the flood about four miles from Pattonsburg.

P. J. Rollow of Shawnee, spent today with homefolks.

L. J. Crowder and wife went to Oklahoma City this afternoon to visit a few days.

Prof. Granger, who lives in Western, Okla., was here today to see his brothers, Drs. H. T. and Edward.



## THELMA

Assuming that this is your first introduction to THELMA, we invite you to get acquainted with this QUEEN of PERFUMES, the delightful odor of which is shedding its flowery perfume in many homes of culture in this vicinity.

50c PER OUNCE  
FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

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"The Ada Druggists" "The Rexall Store"  
"We Run a Drug Store and Nothing More"

J. Harris

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W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES

# The Ada News

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There is a merry war on in the police department of Oklahoma City and as a result of the clash between the mayor and chief of police, who are of different political faith, the law breakers will sit back and smile. The mayor and a majority of the city council are democrats while the chief of police is a republican. The chief insists that by reason of his official position he has control of the police department. The mayor has appointed an assistant chief with equal powers and the chief declines to recognize the mayor's appointee.

In its issue of Monday, June 7, the Kansas City Star, a republican paper, printed this editorial: "The faith of Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich in the perfidy and treachery of the republican party and in the subserviency of the people to green goods politics has to be witnessed to be believed. The history of the American government furnishes no parallel to the insult which are now being heaped upon the doctrine of popular government by the senatorial boss from Rhode Island."

"Every man's business," says the Denison Herald, "is what he makes it. Did it ever occur to you that this same idea prevails in town building—that every town is what its people make it. Think it over and you will find there is much truth in the statement. Convince yourself of the fact and it is up to you and every other citizen to do something to advance the general interest, for the town cannot grow and prosper unless it has the active support and the hearty co-operation of its citizens."

Have you ever had the experience of having some friend, usually of more than average intelligence who has had superior advantage, complain with an air of utter lassitude that his life is a failure, that it is useless for him to strive against fate which prevents him from succeeding? It is usually one who seems to arrogate to himself a certain superiority over his companions as a foundation for the belief that the world owes him a living, and to feel that if his superior talents were recognized he would have a position which would give him unbounded influence and remove the necessity of continued labor.

## THE BRUTE IN HUMAN KIND.

**Man's Inhumanity to Man Makes Countless Millions Mourn.**

From the Chickasaw Banner.

There seems to be a streak of brutality in mankind that shows at its worst in the management of institutions for the helpless and unfortunate. There is hardly an investigation of the management of an insane asylum or a reform school in this country that fails to disclose conditions which startle those who had thought that humanitarian principles were used in the government of these institutions. Only recently an investigation brought out the fact that unusual and unnecessary cruelty was practiced in the punishment for trifling offenses of helpless inmates of the state insane asylums at St. Joseph, Mo., and a number of officials and attendants were discharged. And to the everlasting disgrace of the state of Missouri it was shown that the legislature had failed to appropriate sufficient money to provide proper food for the unfortunate in that asylum.

Now comes the state of Utah with an investigation of its reform school and if the half told is true no punishment is too severe for the parties who made helpless children the victims of awful cruelties. There are those who believe that cruelty to children is the unpardonable sin spoken of in holy writ. We can think of no greater sin. And what of the children who have been thus abused and persecuted? Who can ever disabuse their minds of the belief that men are brutes and that there is no truth in what they have been told of a just and all-seeing God?

## HAS FAITH IN ADA.

Letter of Commendation From One Who Knows the Conditions.

Petersburg Ind., July 1, 1909.  
Editor Ada News.  
Ada, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter from your most trustworthy and active real estate man, Mr. E. W. Harden, who tells me there is still a brisk demand for building lots and that your city is growing at a rapid rate, and that improvements are going on in all parts of the city, more especially the beautiful Sunrise addition is being dotted with new homes. This I am pleased to know as I have unbounded faith in Ada's future development. I believe Ada is destined to be one of the most important cities of Oklahoma, and is not being developed by chance or accident or on account of a fictitious boom, but from the result of careful planning, energetic efforts, push and energy on the part of your citizens. At the very beginning when Ada was first born and the sight was chosen, some level-headed parties, whoever they were, certainly had a clearly defined object in view in mapping the city, and preparing it to receive its present and future population. Notwithstanding the sight was selected in Virgin territory, the bowels of the earth surrounding Ada has proven to contain immense deposits of raw material which is now being developed and manufactured into staple products, which in a measure will be responsible for the city you are now building.

While I was in Ada in May I had the pleasure of seeing the flag planted upon the beautiful location selected as the site for your state normal, a beautiful site it is upon rising ground overlooking the city.

While there I talked with some of your contractors who had the work well in hand of grading streets, laying sewers and sidewalks. I learned of a number of substantial and permanent buildings that are soon to be erected which necessity now demands.

I was accompanied on my trip to Ada by one of our directors of the First National Bank of our city and after we had been in Ada a few days, I asked of him: "How do you like this town?" His reply was, "She is a dandy. Here is the greatest bunch of boosters I have ever run across." Why, he says, "the school children have been educated to help boost. Didn't you see that little fellow about six years old at the depot when the train arrived with a large placard on his back? and it read, 'You'll like Ada the best of any town along the Frisco, from St. Louis to Fort Worth.'

Yours truly,  
H. R. SNYDER.

## PREDICTS EXTRA SESSION.

Wilson Says He Thinks it Will Be in January.

Oklahoma City, Ok., July 7.—Ben Wilson, speaker of the last House of Representatives, announced while here today that an extra session of the legislature probably would be held in January. "I believe that a thirty days' session will be called," he said, "because of several matters of pressing importance. One is the matter of the codification of the statutes. In order to put the code into running order the legislature must accept the report of the codification committee and the relay in doing so until a regular session would greatly inconvenience the judges and bar of the state.

"The school land tangle should also be straightened out. A more definite appraisement of the lands are necessary and regulations regarding their sale should be gotten up in orderly shape."

## Every Full of Moon.

The Pioneer Company has again changed telephone managers. It is rather unusual to see a multi-millionaire corporation change local managers whose directorship is over a dozen or more employees and probably \$75,000 worth of property on substantially every change of the moon.

Even the old city drug store on the north side cannot compete with the Pioneer when it comes to changing.

## NOTICE.

Those business men who promised the News' solicitor some time since that they would have job printing to do about July 1st are respectfully asked to make good at this time.

We have some bargains in city property.

Farm loans at best rates and quickest time. Money paid over when papers are signed.

## An Old Time Sunday School Convention.

Having had an invitation about six weeks before hand, Rev. W. J. Shipman and myself on the evening of July the 3rd, 1909, proceeded to the M. K. & T. depot to take shipping to Konawa, in route to the Cooper School House, which is eight miles west of Konawa, and after waiting fifteen minutes for the late train we managed to get on aboard and get a seat, but before we had hardly time enough to get settled down until the engineer gave the signal and the conductor and porter both shouted "Konawa." Well, we had nothing else to do but get off and look wise, as we were from Ada and felt of some importance. When we alighted we were met by Mr. H. K. Nettles, the good father of the writer, who had come for us. Then to the barn for the team and hack, and while waiting we noticed the ice man rolling up a big block of ice in a sack which attracted our attention, but after the team and hack was driven out and father picked up the ice and put it in the hack we mistrusted something further on. So the signal was given, and Bro. Hickman and myself got in and were seated. Pretty soon the ripe apples and peaches were passed around, my how we did eat. By this time we had got into the country, and such fields of corn, cotton, hay and alfalfa and pretty homes. It made us think of bygone days, how it made our hearts yearn to be on the farm again. Well at dark we were safely landed at our journey's end. After the usual greeting supper was announced which was greatly relished. Then came the old fashioned conversation with father, which made us feel like a boy again. When we awoke next morning the sun had risen from behind the eastern horizon, and my what a sweet nights rest under the parental roof. Well, after breakfast and a stroll in the fields, we were reminded of the block of ice we saw father load into the hack the evening before by an introduction to the ice cream freezer, but my, how Bro. Shipman did eat ice cream. Then away to the convention grounds about two hundred yards away, we went to find Bro. D. M. Pope in full control and in the height of his glory. The convention was opened by music furnished by the Muse Brothers string band, which was excellent. The Cook and Cooper singing classes did well. Speaking by the children and young ladies was simply fine. At 12 o'clock dinner was announced, well, you have heard of dinner on the ground, it was there, and plenty for all, and every thing that heart could wish. After dinner was over the children and young ladies finished speaking and then came preacher's time to acquit themselves.

# Ladies, Take Notice!

A New Department Added  
to The Texas Dep't. Store

## OUR COLD STORAGE IS NOW COMPLETE

Do not complain of your Fresh Meats and Cheese as now you can get what you want fresh from Kansas City. Read the following.

### BILL OF FARE

Kansas City cold storage Tenderloin	Kansas City Family Pork Sausage.	Fresh eggs—Cold and sold under test guaranteed.
Steak, Boneless. (Cut to suit.)	Kansas City Winies.	Fresh Tomatoes
Kansas City Beef Strip Loins. (Cut to suit.)	Brick Cheese—American	Oranges and Lemons
Kansas City Winie Sausage. (Cut to suit.)	Brick Cheese—Imported	Bananas
Kansas City Fresh Cod Fish Bricks.	Imported Swiss Sheese	New Corn and Squashes
White Lake Fish in brine.	Domestic Swiss Cheese	Green Apples
Fresh Mackerel	Canada Brick Cheese	All kinds of Fresh Vegetables.

The city's boarding houses and hotels should take special pride in the new department as it is a very rare thing that you have an opportunity to buy such a tempting line of edibles. After we get running in full blast we will have Chicken, Boiled Ham and Head Cheese, in fact everything up-to-date in all departments. Mr. Brittain is in charge of this department and recently came from Cuba where he was in charge of a large cold storage and produce business. Mr. Brittain was born in Belfast, Ireland, and he will look after your interest in a business like way.

Home  
of  
Low Prices

Texas Dep't. Store  
Ada, Oklahoma

Everything  
Strictly  
Up-to-date

heart, and I have been made better by thus having been associated with this people. May the richest of Heaven's blessings rest on the Sunday schools.

W. H. NETTLES.

## At the Airdome.

The play at the Airdome last evening by the White Stock Company was a clever production and well worth the money. The entertainment tonight is entitled the "Lighthouse Robbery" and is said to be one of their best productions. The company will be here all week and will put on a change of program each night. Don't fail to see them.

## Married.

Mr. D. M. Pope was married at Mr. McDaniels in Konawa on the 9th of June, 1909, and on the 11th gave a reception to a host of friends at his home seven miles west of Konawa, which was immensely enjoyed by all. Brother Pope is a former resident of Pontotoc county where he yet has a host of warm friends who will always be glad to know of his doing well, and who will not forget him because of what he has done in Sunday school work, of which he has given the greatest portion of his life.

### FREE COUPON FOR Sweetheart Soap

Just Cut out this coupon and present it to any dealer handling SWEETHEART and he will give you the FREE CAKE when properly signed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

To The Retail Merchant:—Your Jobber will give you 5¢ for every coupon like this you redeem for Sweetheart Soap.

VOID AFTER AUGUST 15TH, 1909.

WARNING—Anyone giving other than the genuine Sweetheart Soap for this Coupon will be prosecuted by the

Manhattan Soap Company,  
NEW YORK CITY.

## Sweetheart Soap Merchants:

Here they are—All alive—Every one of them who have placed SWEETHEART SOAP in stock so that their customers and friends can have the benefit of our Free Coupon.

W. O. NEELY TOBIN & COFFMAN L. J. LITTLE

S. M. SHAW G. M. RAMSEY

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Office Phone 57. Res. 242

## Summer Trips

### Very Low This Year

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Pacific Coasts Points

Colorado—the Rockies

The Lakes of the North

New York and

New England Points

Superior Service

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Best Trains via Frisco

Ask your Agent or write C. O.

Jackson, Division Passenger

Agent, Oklahoma City.

## HOW TO CURE SKIN DISEASES.

The germs that cause skin disease must be drawn to the surface of the skin and destroyed.

ZEMO, a clean liquid for external use, will do this and will permanently cure every form of itching skin disease.

For sale everywhere. Write for sample, E. W. Rose Medicine Co., St. Louis.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

Miss Susie Marlin is on the day's sick list.

"Katy Flyer" the new drink at Ramsey's.

Bone Hardin and wife returned from Sulphur today.

R. H. Gambol returned home to Sasawa this morning.

Miss Pearl Fain returned to her home at Tupelo this morning.

Banker Smith of Francis is transacting business in Ada today.

Miss Fannie Wingo went to Merret, Texas, for an extended visit.

Patronize home industry and eat Purity Ice Cream at Ramsey's. dtf

Mrs. Will Richey has recovered from recent reported serious illness.

Miss Josie Thornt went to Sulphur this morning for a few days vacation.

W. P. Chism, Pontotoc capitalist and resident of Francis is in Ada today.

Mrs. Daisy Taylor, court stenographer, returned from a visit in Tishomingo.

Read the Mayor's weed cutting proclamation and clean up your premises.

Mrs. A. K. Thornton left this morning for a visit with her parents at Quinton, Okla.

Hon. John Crawford came in from Ardmore, where he has been on professional business.

Miss Inez Fisher went to McAlester today to visit her grandfather, Capt. W. H. Fisher.

G. M. Ramsey and family have gone to MoBeetie, Tex., to visit relatives, and from there they expect to go to Colorado for a month or more.

See the extraordinary line of 9x12 Floor Rugs at the Texas Department Store. We have them in fiber, Axminsters, Wilton Velvets and Brussels; prices right too.

Cool off this evening and eat ice cream with the W. C. T. U. ladies on Mrs. W. C. Rollow's lawn.

Mrs. B. A. Mason and daughter, Louise, left this morning to visit relatives in Gainesville, Tex.

Prof. Leo Butts has been visiting homefolks at Whitesboro, Tex., returning to Ada this morning.

ICE CREAM this evening served by the ladies on Mrs. Rollow's lawn, benefit Ada drinking fountain.

Mrs. J. B. Emory and little Miss Mary D. went to Shawnee this afternoon to visit friends a few days.

We have seen it made. We know its good. We serve no other. "Purity Ice Cream" at Ramsey's fountain. dtf

Lots of China and Japanese Matting at the Texas Department Store, 10c yard and up, this big line was bought direct from the manufacturers and "We beat the price" —

Dick Miller of light plant, resident of 12th street has a 12 pound baby at his house. Dr. Castleberry officiating.

Remember now that you have less than a week to cut your weeds or else they will be cut at your expense.

The W. C. T. U. ladies will appreciate your presence at the Ice Cream supper tonight at Mrs. Rollow's on East 16th St.

A nice Velvet Axminster, Moquette or Brussels carpet can be bought of the Texas Department Store one day, made and layed on your floor the next. We have the goods.

Judge J. W. Bolen returned from Okmulgee where he had been engaged in the transaction of professional business.

Guaranteed under the pure food and drug act and contains 12 per cent butter fat. That sounds good but tastes better. Purity Ice Cream served at Ramsey's. dtf

The Texas Department Store opened their big line of floor coverings this morning, the line embraces Axminsters, Moquettes, Tapestry Brussels, Wilton Velvets and Brussels; and cheaper lines of ingrain.

### County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners are in session. Building roads and bridges, through bond issue, among other things, is being considered.

### Bill Mayes III.

Mr. W. M. Mayes has been kept at home a couple of days on account of requirement for operation on his foot for sepsis. He accepted the pain and enforced rest philosophicaly.

### Dick Simpson's Sister.

Miss Mary Simpson of Florence, Ala., came in this morning for a visit with her brother, Dick Simpson, and other relatives.

Percy Simpson of Konawa came over to meet Miss Simpson.

### The Mayor III.

Hon. L. J. Little was confined to his home by illness Wednesday and again today, when he had found out this morning that his strength could not contest with the heat and meet the demands of business.

### Harry Parks Chewed On.

Mr. Harry Parks, proprietor of the Byrd hotel, while so it is related, by some of his humorous friends refereeing a fight between his spunky fist dog and a bull dog got his hand chewed up. Harry's little dog has more courage than discretion.

### New Telephone Manager.

Mr. W. E. Beeson from Oklahoma City has succeeded Mr. W. A. Woods as local manager of the Pioneer Telephone system.

Mr. Woods returns to Oklahoma City and continues with the company.

### Mother and Son III.

Walter Barringer was taken down with acute rheumatism while at his father's ranch yesterday. His parents of Barringer Heights went for him, but before they could return home Mrs. Barringer was taken ill and had to be left in the country over night.

### In Ada Prospecting.

Mr. John Wall, of Cookeville, Tennessee, is in Ada prospecting and visiting. Mr. Wall is a well to do stock man and land owner in Tennessee and is contemplating a move out west. He likes the appearance of Ada very much and may become a Pontotoc County citizen in the future. At present he is sojourning with his old time friend H. J. Brown.

## WANTS

Advertising under this head will be charged at following rates:

One insertion, per word.....1c

Additional insertions, per word.....1c

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Four room house on lot 100x140 feet with well, barn, fruit trees, etc. Situated on 16th street between Broadway and Townsend. Price \$1,300.00, \$500.00 cash, balance \$400.00 this fall—\$400.00 next fall. Also one Jersey cow. See Dr. J. R. Runyan, tf

FOR SALE—The best vacant residential lot in the city of Ada. Call on Marvin Brown at News office.

FOR SALE OR RENT—My wood yard on North Broadway. Phone 259. W. T. Tarkenton. .... 818td

### MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEAP FOR CASH—1 good surrey; 2 ponies, gentle for boys to handle. See C. K. Hanison at Semple Feed Store.

(MONEY WANTED—\$35.00 or \$40.00 wanted for 90 days. Will give good security and pay 20 per cent, returning part the money each week. Inquire at News office.)

### Notice to Property Owners.

All property owners in the City of Ada, are hereby ordered to have all weeds and other obnoxious growth on their premises cut and burned. Also their premises must be cleared of all rubbish. If this order is not obeyed by July 15th, the city will have same done and charged against the property owners.

(Signed) L. J. LITTLE.

7td Mayor.

### Hon. F. C. Sims III.

The county court clerk and president of city council is laid up with serious attack of lumbago. While Mr. Sims' family and friends are not alarmed concerning his condition the knowledge that his trouble is very painful and of several days continuance causes some apprehension as to the duration of his confinement.

### Reliable Man Wanted . . .

To represent the DAILY and WEEKLY OKLAHOMAN in Pontotoc county. Soliciting and collecting. Must own rig and give bond. Address, Circulation Manager, THE OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Airdome

BIG SUCCESS  
LAST NIGHT

FIRST TIME IN ADA OF THE

## White Stock Co.

A NEW PLAY EACH NIGHT, ALL THIS WEEK

### To-Night

The Best Comedy Drama Ever Written, Entitled,

### "A Lighthouse Robbery"

Singing, Dancing, Talking Specialties Between Acts.

10c - 20c - 30c

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with which to do your business the first consideration is the character and standing of its officers and directors and the financial resources of the Bank.

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### First National Bank of Ada

P. A. Norris, Pres.

H. T. Douglas, V. P.

M. D. Timberlake, Cashier

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East Main Street, Ada, Okla.

## Hot and Cold Stuff

Manufacturers of Ice  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Coal  
Long Distance Phone 29

### Ada Ice and Fuel Co.

Note—We are doing business on a strictly cash basis. Please arrange to settle for Ice as it is delivered; drivers must either turn in cash or coupons. Buy Coupon Books as it will save you money after April 18th. Books for residences—200, 300 and 500 pounds.

### FULL LINE OF

## STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES

We buy for cash and sell for cash and divide our profit with our customers

### ALDRICH & THOMPSON

Phone 303

### Use White Swan and Wapco Brand of Goods

and you are sure of getting the best on the market

### Waples-Platter Grocer Co.

Ada, Oklahoma

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MR. PICKARD'S EXPERIENCE

"ON THE TRAIL OF A BOLD BUCCANEER" published herewith for the first time, is a bit of Venezuelan history which has never before been told and is not to be found in any of the standard historical works on Venezuela. It is replete with thrilling situations embodied in the capture of Caracas by Amory Preston's buccaneers. While the bandits were stealing along the secret mountain-path to Caracas, the able-bodied inhabitants of the city took positions of defense along the main thoroughfare to the capital of Venezuela. The desperadoes were discovered by an infirm old man who attempted to resist their invasion with true patriotic instinct. It was easy to overpower him. The Caracas traitor who guided Preston over the secret path was hanged before the city was entered. Once in Caracas, looting and murder held sway.

While in Caracas, visiting Cipriano Castro, who was then president of Venezuela, it was Mr. Pickard's good fortune to meet men who were familiar with this unrecorded invasion. Mr. Pickard was given permission to make the journey over the secret pathway. He took photographs of the smugglers then inhabiting the mountain wilds. These photographs are reproduced herewith. These same smugglers to-day hold forth in the mountains. Smugglers, by preying upon the Venezuelan government, caused the rupture between Holland and Venezuela, which trouble is said to have been the cause of the flight of Castro and his subsequent expulsion from most ports on this side of the world in the southern hemisphere.

"TRAIL over the mountains to Caracas?" said the dusky, scantily clad women who were energetically doing the family washing in the brawling stream above Macuto. "Oh, yes, that is by way of La Guayra. There is no longer a direct path from here, but we have heard of the trail of the buccaneers."

"Direct to Caracas over the mountains?" said the little old keeper of the sea-baths, who has buried six wives and declares he is looking for the seventh. "Certainly there is such a route, but it isn't much used now, and you are sure to lose your way."

"Why, of course," cried Don Antonio, our host of the Casino de Macuto. "It is easily done, but you had better take a guide as far as the top. Here's Agapito, he will do. How much will you charge the señors, Agapito?"

"Five dollars," promptly replied the young peon. A general burst of laughter reduced his price to \$2.00, and the bargain was struck.

At four o'clock next morning we had a cup of coffee, packed our luggage, consisting of one pocket comb, and sallied forth in the wake of Agapito. Pretty little Macuto, her head in the lap of the mountain and her feet laved by the surf, lay deep in slumber, but the lights of a score of fishing boats twinkled on the sea. The town once was a favorite resort of the well-to-do people of Caracas, but now counts her guests by the dozen, for she never has recovered from the destruction and terror caused by the earthquake of 1899.

Our guide's course at the start seemed so hap-hazard that the doctor inquired somewhat anxiously if he was familiar with the route.

"Yes, indeed," was the reply. "I spent seven months on this mountain trail long ago as one of the revolutionists led by Gen. Matos, so I know all its trails."

So we scrambled on in the darkness unprotesting. Above us loomed the mighty bulk of El Picacho, forming, with his brother peak to the east La Silla, and the connecting heights, the range of Galipan over which we must pass. The path was rough and steep and twisting—"used only by the goats," said I.

"I am one," replied the doctor, grimly.

Half an hour of clambering and we struck a better defined trail.

"This is the path taken by donkeys," explained Agapito.

"I am one of those, also," muttered the Medicine Man. "And to think that Amory Preston led a band of armored and armed men by this trail to Caracas in the night! If I only had breath enough I'd tell you about it, but wait until we reach a resting place."

Higher and higher by devious ways we went and gradually the stars faded out, the bright-hued birds began to whistle and sing all about us and the richness of the tropical foliage through which we were pushing was revealed. Then a shaft of sunlight found its way through a cleft in the mountain projecting corner of the path, we had spread before us the vast panorama of Caribbean sea and Venezuelan shore line. Still the lights of the fishing boats twinkled faintly and hundreds of pelicans were busily gathering their share of the spoil of the waters. Skimming over the waves, they would wheel suddenly, poise themselves, straighten out and descend like a falling arrow, then settle on the surface and calmly glut down the unfortunate fish, that seldom escaped the swift plunge.

We were still sheltered from the sun's rays, the breeze was cool and knees became wobbly. By ten o'clock the spurts of climbing were shorter than the periods of rest and even an army of ants crossing the trail was excuse enough for ten minutes of relaxation. At a hut perched on a jutting rock we encountered an aged peon leading a goat, and there ensued an animated discussion of the routes, between Agapito, Nanny's master and the mistress of the house. As a result our guide swerved far to the west down through a beautiful ravine, seemingly undoing the climbing of an hour, and again upward on what was supposed to be a better trail. Nanny and her owner followed, but the little beast looked so disgusted with our slow progress that we let her pass ahead, and saw her no more.

Passing through the tiny village of San Jose with its garden patches terraced on steep hillsides, we caught sight of a white house that seemed to be at the top of things, so far as our route was concerned.

# ON THE TRAIL OF A BOLD BUCCANEER

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STREET IN MACUTO

of Villalpando, Preston had him hanged to a tree as a warning to traitors, the bag of gold for which he had sold his city being tied to his feet.

Certain of the people of La Guayra had warned Caracas of the landing of the Englishmen, and the entire fighting force of the city, led by the Alcaldes, Garcia Gonzalez and Francisco Rebollo, marched out to meet the foe. But it was taken for granted the buccaneers would cross by the "royal road," which was comparatively easy, so the Spaniards stationed themselves on that highway, laying several cleverly placed ambuses. Meanwhile Preston and his men had quietly walked into the city, without opposition. No, that isn't quite true, for Don Alonso Andres de Ledesma had been left behind on account of his advanced age. Desperate, but undismayed, the gallant old cavalier donned his armor, mounted his horse, couched his lance and single-handed disputed the entrance of the English into the city. "Don't hurt him," cried Preston. "He's too brave to die." But Don Alonso charged the five hundred and fell mortally wounded.

Preston looted the city thoroughly and the Spaniards returned to find him safely fortified in some of their public buildings. A week later he marched out unmolested, recrossed the mountains and set sail with all the treasure of Caracas. The name of Don Alonso de Ledesma is still honored by the few remaining ancient Spanish families in Venezuela, but there is no statue of him in Caracas.

Rested and refreshed, we resumed the trail and now came our great disappointment. Agapito's memory had played him false, and the mountain range that still rose hundreds of feet in front of us must be crossed before the descent began. We wailed bitterly, but toiled on through a dense jungle of tall trees, thick shrubbery and interlacing vines. Just as the sun reached the zenith we really came to the top, some 5,000 feet above the sea, and the downward slide

brought other sets of muscles into play. Soon there were hints of vistas through the forest, and suddenly, as we rounded an enormous rock, all the glorious valley of Caracas opened out before our dazzled eyes.

Pen nor camera can do justice to that magnificent sight. Miles of fair garden land in varied shades of green, glistening streams, a great city with white buildings roofed with red tiles and with grove-topped hills, lay two thousand feet below us, all bathed in soft sunlight; and for a background were the southern mountains with fleecy clouds drifting across their emerald and brown slopes. We gazed long in silence, fancying with reason that from that very point Preston and his buccaneers had caught their first sight of Caracas. The giant tree beneath which we stood might well be the one on which the traitor guide was hanged.

out detection there would still be 70,000,000 francs. In addition, contributions would be made by the faithful, and that finally the road itself, as construction progressed, ought to bring in revenue, increasing year by year, and so, trusting to faith and sheep skins, the work was begun. The portion of the road thus far completed is from Damascus to Medina Salih. From Constantinople the lines under construction run directly southwest to Aleppo, with side branches to Smyrna and Ankara. Near Aleppo a projected line will lead, by way of Bagdad, to the Persian gulf. From Medina Salih the road is under construction to Medina, while surveys have been made from Medina to Mecca and the Red sea.

The route is to pass east of Jerusalem and the Dead sea, on the high lands of Syria, Moab and northern Arabia.

The engineering difficulties are serious, but by no means insurmountable, and are not to be compared with those of the Union Pacific. The Caifa line descends from Deraa with a mighty sweep down to the sea, while the chains of mountains in Moab must be traversed by the aid of loops, tunnels and bridges. At Damascus the level is 2,000 feet above the sea, and varies from that to 3,000 feet at the highest point south. Great difficulties are presented by that portion of the line from Constantinople to Damascus, for the giant ranges from the Caucasus and Armenia extend through Asia Minor almost to the Aegean and Mediterranean. So it is believed that at some points on this part of the line the roadbed will rise to a height of 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the sea. Several hundreds of miles of this part are now actually under construction, tunnels are bored, viaducts and bridges are run between important towns. There are now completed lines from Constantinople to Angora, from Smyrna far into the vilayet of Konieh, and these portions will be feeders of the main line. Work on the line is greatly expedited by the labors of a division of the Turkish army, it being difficult to secure labor in the country to be traversed, particularly in northern Arabia, where the Bedouins are few and unendurably lazy. The Turkish soldiers themselves are not particularly energetic, but, strange to say, this service is much desired, not only from the fact that the soldier-workmen are actually paid, which most of the Turkish army is

not, but their term of military service is reduced one-third, to say nothing of spiritual advantages promised by the sultan. German and French engineers do the planning, foreign workmen are engaged for the bridges, tunnels and viaducts, while the soldiers are employed for the mechanical labor. The management is ostensibly in the hands of several boards composed of pashas, beys and cabinet ministers, who meet in Constantinople and, so far as can be learned, do nothing but object to every report made by the engineers and suggest tunnels when the line could as well follow the caravan route, which has been in use for a thousand years.

## HIT CEILING AND BE A DIVA.

Madame began: "The most tedious phase of the course in voice culture is learning to breathe. I shall test you now, free of charge, and, if you do well, we may be able to shorten that portion."

Hope leaped into the Young Girl's eyes.

"I took lessons in that out home," she replied.

But madame sniffed.

"Lie down." The Young Girl was startled; she even ventured to hesitate.

"Yes, yes. On your back. It is my own method and has been indorsed by the most eminent throat and lung specialists. So. Relax your muscles. Now." Madame seized a bit of white paper from the piano and tore it into strips, one of which she handed to the Young Girl. "Chew this," she said, "until you have made it into just such a spitball as you used to make in school. Then fill your lungs to their greatest capacity, form your lips as if to whistle and, with all your strength, blow ceilingward."

Visibly startled, but visibly still more impressed, the Young Girl did as she was bidden and blew the spitball about six feet into the air.

Madame nodded approval. "Not at all bad," she conceded. "I think we can materially curtail this portion of the course."

The Young Girl was scrambling to her feet.

"When—when will it be completed?" she asked.

"Just as soon as you can hit the ceiling," said madame.

## Building Railroads of Sheepskins

By Capt. Ellis D. Morson

AIRROAD building is now the order of the day in all countries, and though it seems almost incredible, the Turk has caught the railroad fever and is not only projecting, but actually constructing, and has partly finished, what will be one of the longest and most important railroad lines in the old world. Its object is to connect the political capital of Islam with the holy places which every Moslem is expected to visit at least once during his lifetime. As the Moslems number from 175,000,000 to 200,000,000, the annual pilgrimage from all parts of the Mahommedan world is of enormous proportions. That from India and the east is provided for by steamship lines, but it is now proposed by the Turkish government to offer special inducements to its people in Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine and even North Africa, to make the sacred pilgrimages at their ease, by providing railroad transportation from Constantinople to Mecca.

To comprehend the magnitude of the enterprise, it is necessary to remember that old world distances are not always understood in the new world. The scale of the maps is usually much smaller, so we sometimes get the idea that the United States is the largest country on the earth, because it looks largest on the map. A better conception of the Turkish undertaking will be gained by the knowledge that, taking Constantinople as a center, Paris will be on the edge of a circle with a radius of 3,000 kilometers (about 2,250 miles), while Mecca will be 500 kilos beyond the edge of that circle. In other words, to make the matter plainer, the distance from Constantinople to Paris is about that from New York

to Santa Fe, N. M., and from Constantinople to Mecca is approximately that from New York to Prescott, Ariz.

The Turk, therefore, who has always been regarded as slow going, must be conceded to have more industry than generally goes to his credit. There is, however, behind the religious motive, a political end to be gained.

The sultan is the nominal head of the Moslem world. But as the holy places, Mecca, Medina and several others, are in a land far distant from the center of the empire's political influence, the ruling officials in those cities have, for hundreds of years, been quasi-independent, some have thrown off entirely the Turkish bond and actually maintained their independence. Then, again, pilgrims from Syria, who attempt to travel by the caravan routes through Arabia, Petraea and along the Red sea, have long been subject to pillage by the wandering tribes of Bedouins. A railroad through this country with fortified stations at short intervals, would bring all north-west Arabia under real, rather than nominal Turkish control and restore to the sultan genuine authority as "protectors of the holy places."

The Turkish government is always harassed by its creditors. The moment a plaster comes into the treasury, all the creditors make a grab for it, so the question of financing the enterprise became one of prime importance, for no money, no road. In this dilemma the wily Turk hit upon a happy expedient. The sultan issued an edict commanding that every Moslem family which sacrificed a sheep at the feast of Bairam should bring in the skin to the nearest government official, and these skins should be sold for the benefit of the road. As every Turk does the sheep-killing act at Bairam, it was figured out that after the officials had stolen all they could with-

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